

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 11, 12 and 66-73.

Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the specification for informalities therein. In particular, the Examiner states that the "specification teaches that the ligand contains a phenolic hydroxyl group or moiety. This group has the formula of $-C_6H_3(OH)_2$. None of the formulas on page 17-22 contain this group even though the specification says they do," and is requesting correction.

In response, the undersigned called the Examiner and appreciates the Examiner's time clarifying this objection and the response to the objection.

In accordance with that telephone conference and the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants note that a "phenolic group" corresponds to the structure with the formula of $C_6H_4(OH)$, and Applicants are amending the term "phenolic hydroxyl group" in the specification to "phenolic group." Therefore, the written language in the specification is consistent with the formulas in the specification. No new matter is being added.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection, and it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112, first paragraph

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 16, 17 and 62-65 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Examiner rejects independent Claims 1 and 8, as amended in the last amendment, for reciting that the ligand has a phenolic moiety, as being new matter and contends that the originally filed disclosure teaches these ligands contain a phenolic hydroxy moiety.

However, as discussed with the Examiner, the formulas in the specification of the present application show that the ligand has a phenolic moiety while the words in the specification state “phenolic hydroxyl moiety.” Accordingly, as discussed above, Applicants are amending the term “phenolic hydroxyl group” in the specification to “phenolic group.” Therefore, the language in the specification is consistent with the formulas and the claims. Hence, no new matter was added.

Therefore, there is clear support and written description for independent Claims 1 and 8 and those claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112 - second paragraph

The Examiner also rejects Claims 13 and 61 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending Claims 13 and 16. More specifically, Applicants are

amending Claim 13 to put the claim into independent form. Accordingly, Claim 13 is no longer dependent on Claim 1, and Claim 13 no longer has to have the requirement of a phenolic moiety as recited in Claim 1.

Applicants are also amending Claim 61 to be dependent on Claim 13, and therefore, Claim 61 no longer has to have the requirement of a phenolic moiety as recited in Claim 1.

No new matter has been added. If any fee should be due for amending Claim 13 to be an independent claim, please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for the required fee.

Therefore, Claims 13 and 61 are not indefinite. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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